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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement mailed September 10, 2003; and
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 10, 2003, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-14 for prosecution on the merits, with traverse. Applicants also request that claims 15-20 and 22-26, drawn to a vector which transforms a target insect cell and a male or female insect also be included with the elected group, recited above. The claims of group I relate to a method for controlling a population of target insects that can only be practiced with the vector and insect of claims 15-20 and 22-26. Applicants also respectfully request that claim 21, also drawn to a method for controlling a population of target insects be included in the elected group recited above.

By examining claims 1-26 as a single group no undue burden is placed on the Examiner since these claims all relate to the same invention: "a method for controlling a population of target insects." In contrast, an undue burden would be placed on Applicant if further prosecution of the subject matter of these twenty-six claims requires prosecution of two separate applications.

This Response is being filed within 30 days from the Restriction Requirement mailed September 10, 2003 and no fee is believed to be due. However, should any fees be required to ensure consideration of this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 16-0085, Reference No. 18747/2012.

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